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In re Application of:

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Title: USE OF SLIM3 FOR BINDING TO MOLECULES

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2002, please amend the abovereferenced application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, beginning at line 11, replace the following paragraph as follows:

The protein SLIM3 was first described by M.J. MORGAN and A.J.A. MADGWICK (1996) Biochem. Biophys., Res. Commun., Vol. 225, pp. 632-638. SLIM3 has 279 amino acids.

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